

Indiana State Park Deer Reduction Hunts

Online application must be completed by August 27, 2010

An applicant must possess a deer hunting license to apply for this hunt

Deer reductions in Indiana State Parks are different than most DNR special hunts. Whereas most other special hunts are offered for recreation, deer reductions are carried out exclusively to achieve an ecological objective; ensuring balanced and healthy natural communities for all flora and fauna within park boundaries. The reductions are a necessary management tool that helps protect other plants and animals, some rare and endangered, from the effects of elevated deer densities.

Hunter densities and the number of available spots are carefully calculated for each park. If successfully drawn, the parks depend on you to fill your spot.

The following parks will host two reduction hunts in 2010:

Brown County	Chain O'Lakes	Charlestown
Clifty Falls (archery)	Fort Harrison (archery)	Indiana Dunes
Lincoln	McCormick's Creek	Pokagon
Potato Creek	Prophetstown	Shakamak
Summit Lake	Tippecanoe River	Versailles
Whitewater Memorial.		

Reduction hunts will take place November 15 & 16 and November 29 & 30. Individuals may take up to three deer (only one antlered). Deer taken in these hunts are in addition to all other bag limits. You may bring up to two buddies but you must include their information on your application to do so. No single name can appear on more than one application per reduction period. If you choose to apply, you **MUST** keep a copy of your application confirmation.

To be eligible for these reductions, you must be an Indiana resident, 18 years of age by November 15, 2010 and possess a license to take deer. Parks where firearms are used will draw first from the pool of hunters who have a valid Hunter Education Certificate (HEC). All names on an application must have a valid HEC to qualify for first-round drawing. Parks designated for archery equipment require a valid HEC or International Bowhunter Certificate to apply. If you claim possession of a certificate on your application and are drawn, you may be required to present your card at the property on the day of the hunt.

Special concessions may be made for hunters with disabilities. Contact the property of interest before applying. Draw results and packets for successful applicants will be made available online by September 3, 2010.